

**ISSAQUAH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
2015 SPRING SOCCER PROGRAM**

**COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. Coaches should have read, and be sure to understand, all the Coach documents provided by the Issaquah Parks & Recreation department.
2. Coaches must understand that the Issaquah Parks & Recreation Spring Soccer Program is a recreational league and, as such, will coach his/her team in a manner consistent with the spirit of "soccer is played for fun" for both his/her team and for his/her opponents as well.
3. All players must play at least half of the game; this is to be strictly adhered to. The purpose of these games to allow all children to participate regardless of ability and to teach sportsmanship above all else. This is not an ability-based competition program.
4. Coaches will show respect for the referee at all times. This is an opportunity to teach our players how to address officials. Coaches are responsible for overseeing the manner in which people in attendance from his/her team address the referee or official. Coaches are also responsible for moderating the behavior of people on their sideline; letting everyone know that there is no (zero) challenging or disrespectful comments/actions directed toward any referee, player, or adult, allowed before, during, or immediately after a game. A coach may not s without the referee's permission. Any physical assaults will be reported and within the jurisdiction of the police.
5. It is forbidden and not within the scope of Coach for the Issaquah Parks & Recreation program for any Coach to drive a team player to/from the games (except his/her own children and those of personal friends where it is understood that the Coach is driving as a family friend, but explicitly not within their Coaching authority).
6. Coaches should never touch a player (or any other person at practices or games) in anger. Coaches should also refrain from too much touching – be aware of your gestures. A simple arm around the shoulder is one thing – swatting a player on the behind is another. Absolutely no touching of any private areas (even if covered by clothing) is allowed at any time. A coach will be held solely responsible for any inappropriate touching.
7. Disciplinary action, including banishment from coaching in any further Issaquah Parks & Recreation programs will occur if a coach uses threatening gestures or language, or pushes or strikes any player, coach, referee, or league official.
8. **LYSTEDT LAW (HB 1824) CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** I promise to read and review, until I fully understand, the Concussion Information Sheet to be provided to me by the City of Issaquah Parks and Recreation Department. This information is being supplied to me pursuant to The Lystedt Law, HB 1824 because the City of Issaquah is utilizing Issaquah School District and Washington State Park property for this program and I must comply with the parameters of how to treat a participant of a head concussion. If I don't understand the information provided to me, it is my responsibility to ask the Issaquah Parks & Recreation staff for clarification.

**PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. The Coach will be responsible for overseeing the players (and their parents) adherence to the Issaquah Parks & Recreation department Players Code of Conduct and communicating these to all their team players.
2. Players will show respect for any referee at all times.
3. Players will show respect for any player or coach at all times, and to spectators as well.
4. Players may be banished from playing in future Issaquah Parks & Recreation programs if they make threatening gestures, use threatening language, push or strike any player, coach, referee, league official, or spectator.

**Coach's Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boys:** \_\_\_\_\_ **/ Girls:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade of Team:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been banned from coaching in any youth sports organization?** No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

*I acknowledge the receipt of a copy of these rules and Code of Conduct. I have read and agreed to them, understanding the principles and guidelines they contain. A signed copy will be kept on file with Issaquah Parks & Recreation Department.*

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**Coach's Signature**

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**Date**